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Changes in Georgia Wing Leadership

GAWG -

I would like to announce the following changes to the GAWG Staff and thank the former Officers that held these positions for their service.

Please join me in congratulating Lt Col Mike Crowe in accepting his new position as the GAWG Vice Commander. Lt Col Crowe has been a member of GAWG since April 1975 when he joined as a Cadet. Lt Col Crowe has held many positions over the years including Deputy Director of Logistics, Director of Logistics and Chief of Staff. Lt Col Crowe has been an asset to the GAWG and I look forward to working with him in the coming years.

Capt Andy Zimmerman, as GAWG Safety Officer, has transferred to Group 1 as Safety Officer and has been replaced by Capt Dirk Daube. Capt Daube first joined the CAP in 1978. He brings a wealth of experience to the



Safety venue as being a former USAF Safety Officer and as the current Safety Officer for HQ GA DoD, GSDF.

Lt Col Paul Branson has asked to take well deserved break from his duties as GAWG Emergency Services Officer and has been replaced by Capt Frank Basile. Capt Basile is the former squadron commander of the Peachtree City Falcon Field Composite Squadron. Capt Basile comes to us after serving the last several years in SER with CN and as the SER Homeland Defense Officer. We look forward to Lt Col Branson's

return to service after his much deserved

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break.

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PDK Staff Officers Needed

Chamblee GA –

With the growth of the squadron and movement of personnel to and from Wing, there are several staff positions that are currently available.

Serving as a staff officer has several benefits:

Serving CAP/Squadron with a skill that you possess (or would like to develop).

You can serve as an Assistant and "learn" the job from the primary Staff Officer.

Serving as a Staff Officer/Assistant is a requirement for advancement.

The following positions are available:

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Lt Col (Ch) James Hughes has accepted the position as Director of Aerospace Education. Along with the assistance of external AE Officer Maj Deborah Huffman I expect the GAWG AE program to rank among the best in the nation. Lt Col Hughes has a Masters in AE and will be a welcome sight to many in his new position.

Lt Col Higgins has been serving as GAWG Dir of Cadet Programs and is being replaced by Lt Col Brenda Allison. Lt Col Allison held positions in Group 3 as Deputy CC, PAO, Admin, and as Aerospace Educations Officer she assisted every squadron in Group 3 to earn the coveted AE Excellence Award two years in a row. For her service in AE. Lt Col Allison was awarded the A. Scott Crossfield Award. Lt Col Allison then went to SER and served as PAO where she garnered commendations from several current and former National Commanders for her monthly SER Newsletter. Next she served a year and a half as the Deputy National Safety Officer over Ground and Cadet Safety.

It is my pleasure to announce the new GAWG Director of Operations.
Please join me in welcoming Lt Col Marl Lynn McCracken to the GAWG staff. Lt Col McCracken has an extensive background in Operations. He presently holds most of the mission base, ground and air mission certifications.

GAWG is presently restructuring its operations training to meet the CAP and USAF needs and requirements. As of 1 October 2006, there have been extensive changes mandated by CAP NHQ that will required

necessitate retraining by everyone participating in GAWG missions.

Lt Col McCracken understands these changes and I look forward to working with him as the new GAWG DO as he helps you bring GAWG up to these new standards.

Please welcome and support these new Officers in their positions and thank the former Officers for their service.

Lyle E. Letteer, Col CAP Commander GAWG

Air Operations

Greetings from Air Ops.

First, let's welcome Bob Marslender back to the fold after an extended shore tour at Wing. Bob has graciously accepted the E.S. officer posts vacated by Lt. James Ewing, who has career obligations that conflict with the high demands of E.S. We fortunately will still be having James onboard to advise and assist. Welcome home, Bob!

We plan to move our 3rd Tuesday training profiles for mission crew training to Sat. afternoons, as Eastern Standard Time has approached us. This change will allow us a more aggressive training schedule throughout the winter months. E.S./Air ops will coordinate the crew assignments and training scenarios, as before.

Cpf 920 is healthy and the deferred squawks from the last 100 hr. insp. will be addressed at the next 50 hr., but be advised that for night ops, the tachometer

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PDK Staff Openings

Search and Rescue Training Officer

Moral Leadership Officer/Chaplain

Drug Demand Reduction Officer

Assistant Public Affairs Officer (Especially if you would like to work with the newsletter)

Supply Officer

Transportation Officer

As importantly, we need assistants for many of the positions.

CAPR 20-1 gives pretty good job descriptions for all positions. Please see Capt Crone if interested

backlight is inop. The placard has been placed but the adhesive has failed repeatedly.

Col. Stan Collins, Maj. Bill Bell, Capt. Bob Marslender and myself would like to thank the pilots for their professionalism and safety mindedness. Flight release is an important part of our Flight Operations, and we FROs appreciate your cooperation.

Semper Vigilans,

Maj Rick Herring GA-130 Air Operations Officer

Promotions and Awards







Newly promoted Captains Jim Crone and Eric Slocum receiving their "railroad tracks"



2LT Evanthe Papastathis receiving her promotion from Capt Crone





Newly promoted 2LT Lesley Romans receiving her "butter bars"





New Observers 2LT Brad Choate and 1LT Andrea Van Buren pose with Maj Cayce



1LT Steve Ehly receiving the Commanders Commendation Award from Maj Cayce



Lt Col Cleary and Maj Cayce with their Counter Drug Ribbon

If you have received an award or promotion and have not been recognized in the newsletter, please email the specifics to keith.dickerson@ us.schneider-electric.com

Emergency Services Missions

06M568 06M19090 06M0674 06M1316 (Dobbins Carrier) 06M616 (Crossfield) 06M0838 (McCollum ELT) 06M182 (Dobbins AFRB)

Please let us know mission numbers that you have participated in

Activities and Photos



Ground Team members from the recent Air Force GAWG Evaluation

23-24 September 1LT Joanne Janchus, 1LT Andrea Van Buren, Capt Ray Minton, Major Charlie Cayce and Capt Jim Crone attended Georgia Wing's Unit Commander's Course at Robbins Air Force Base in Warner-Robbins GA. The course was held at the air museum



PDK attendees are outside the museum under a B1 Bomber.





Promotion party at the PDK "O" Club (The Downwind)

ELT MISSION REPORT FROM CAPT CRONE

0515 Saturday 30 September an IC contacted PDK seeking a Mission Pilot and Observer to support a ground team hunting an active ELT believed to be on Dobbins AFRB. AFRCC Mission number 06M182 ended with a non-distress find on the ramp at Dobbins (a Navy transport) and ground team lead-in Bryan Starr was Mission Pilot and Jim Crone was Mission Observer. Ground Team was provided by PDK Cadet Squadron

Inspector General Inspection 18 November

PDK is scheduled for an IG Inspection to measure and evaluate our compliance with CAP Regulations on 18 November from 0900-1200

CAPT Crone has forwarded via email a copy of the Sub Unit Inspection guide to all staff officers organized by Staff Officer responsibility. The document outlines expectations and criteria for IG Evaluations.

Please let Capt Crone know if you do not have received the document or if you cannot make the 18th. Maj Cayce is scheduling the inspection in a staggered fashion so you will not have to be there all morning.



PDK Meeting / Training Schedule

Nov

7-Nov Staff Officer Meeting Crone

14-Nov UDF & Mission Training Marslender/Villers/Hale **18-Nov IG Inspection 0900-1200**

21-Nov AE EducationGeorge/Bell28-Nov ES TrainingMarslender/Villers

Dec

5-Dec Staff Officer Meeting Crone

12-Dec PDK Holiday Party Cayce/Crone

19-Dec UDF & Mission Training Marslender/Villers/Hale

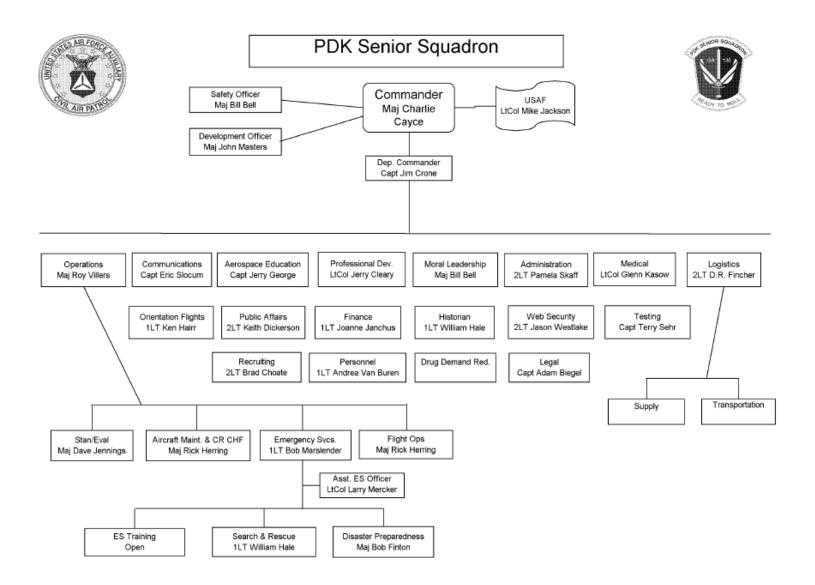
26-Dec No Meeting

EMERGENCY SERVICES TRAINING CHANGES

In consideration that the daylight hours are short during this time of year we are changing the 3rd Tuesday training to the 3rd Saturday of each month. This is effective from October 2006 thru March 2007.

Please email me at bobmars.bellsouth.net if you want to participate in this training. Air & Ground Crews, Comms, and staff positions are available.

Capt Bob Marslender, CAP GA-130 ES Officer



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